GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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AWARENESS OF T.B. PROGRAMME
JITENDRA PRASADA

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Health Organisation while appreciating the Indian Government and the medicos for effective administration of the Revised National Tuberculosis Programme has expressed dissatisfaction over the insufficient awareness of the imlportance of the programme and services being offered thereunder;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether the Government propose to bring awareness of the importance of the programme among the people; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM)

(a) No, Sir. WHO has appreciated the efforts of Government of India for excellent implementation of RNTCP.

(b) Does not arise.

(c)&(d) Yes, Sir. Development of information and promoting out-reach activities and community involvement is an important component of Revised National TB Control Programme.The main purpose of this component is to raise quality of care given to TB patients, promote a better understanding of TB and its cure and reduce the stigma associated with TB.
Regular coverage about TB and RNTCP in press and dissemination of Do`s Don`ts, nuggets of information on tuberculosis at community level, organising workshops/seminars on TB, march of cured TB patients are few important steps taken in this direction. Cash assistance is being given to DTCS for undertaking IEC activities as per their requirements.